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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex parte* notice—CG Docket No. 10-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 22, 2011, Mike Maddix of Sorenson Communications, Inc. (“Sorenson”), and Renee Wentzel and I of Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, on behalf of Sorenson, met with Sherrese Smith, Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski, and Margaret McCarthy, Policy Advisor to Commissioner Copps. On March 23, 2011, those same parties met with Jennifer Tatel, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Baker, and Christine Kurth, Policy Director & Wireline Counsel to Commissioner McDowell.

During those meetings, Sorenson reiterated its arguments previously made in this proceeding that the Commission should: (1) not prohibit VRS providers from operating call centers in Canada; (2) prohibit so-called “white label” operators from providing VRS service; (3) bar VRS providers from using interpreters working out of their homes; and (4) require automated recording of session and conversation time, while allowing interpreters to manually code non-compensable calls as non-billable.

Sorenson also pointed out that mandatory FCC certification of VRS providers is not necessary, and could result in unintentional consequences, particularly as related to common carrier status. Finally, Sorenson recommended that the Commission consider additional steps to prohibit slamming, and to ensure that VRS providers do not interfere with users’ valid attempts to change their default providers.

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Sincerely,

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